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PLUMMER - AUGUST 13, 2015 - 11:00 A.M.
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AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the
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1 MS. TRACY SMETANA: Good morning,
2 everyone, and thank you for coming.

3 My name is Tracy Smetana, I'm the public
4 advisor with the Minnesota Public Utilities
5 Commission. And we are here for a public
6 information meeting for the Enbridge Line 3
7 Replacement Project.

8 You can see on this opening slide I have
9 the Commission's docket numbers. That's sort of the
10 key to locating information at our office about this
11 project. And you can see there are two docket
12 numbers listed there because there are two pieces of
13 the puzzle before the company would be allowed to
14 build this project. The first is what we call the
15 certificate of need, which answers the question is
16 the project needed, and the second is a route
17 permit, which answers the question, if it's needed,
18 where will it go.

19 So today's meeting we're going to explain
20 the Commission's review process, provide some
21 information about the proposed project, gather
22 information for the environmental review, and answer
23 some general questions about the process and the
24 project.

25 In the meeting notice you saw this agenda

1 and so we'll try to keep with this as closely as
2 possible. We do have some formal presentations from
3 the Commission staff, Enbridge, and the Department
4 of Commerce, and then we'll open it up for your
5 comments and questions. And please note that if the
6 comments and questions do continue to 12:30 we will
7 need to take a break at that point.

8 The Public Utilities Commission is a
9 state agency, we regulate various aspects of a
10 utility's business. One of those includes pipeline
11 permitting, which is why we're here today. We have
12 five commissioners appointed by the governor and
13 about 50 staff down in St. Paul.

14 Again, this project requires what we call
15 a certificate of need. And the statutes and rules
16 that govern that process are identified here on the
17 slide. So if you're having a hard time getting to
18 sleep at night, you might want to look those up.
19 The second piece, again, is that route permit. And
20 here, again, the statutes and rules are listed if
21 you want to get some more information about how that
22 works.

23 As we work through this process, there
24 are a number of agencies and other folks that do get
25 along the way so I thought it would be helpful to

1 give you sort of the who's who.

2 First of all, we have the applicant.
3 That's the term that we use for the company asking
4 for the certificate of need and the route permit.
5 So in this case that's Enbridge Energy.

6 The Department of Commerce is another
7 state agency and there's two different departments
8 within the Department of Commerce that participate
9 as well.

10 The first is the Energy Environmental
11 Review and Analysis group. You might see that
12 abbreviated as EERA. As you might guess by their
13 name, they conduct the environmental review.

14 The other side of the Department of
15 Commerce that works on this process is the Energy
16 Regulation and Planning division. And their job is
17 to represent the public interest in pretty much any
18 utility matter that comes before the Commission.

19 Another state agency, the Office of
20 Administrative Hearings, will be involved later on
21 in the process as well. There will be an
22 administrative law judge assigned to this project
23 who will hold public hearings, hold evidentiary
24 hearings, gather the facts in the record, and
25 ultimately write a report for the Public Utilities

1 Commission to consider when the Commission makes its
2 final decision.

3 At the Commission there are two different
4 staff members that are assigned to this project.
5 The first is an energy facilities planner. And I
6 like to think of that person's role as more on the
7 technical side, dealing with the rules and
8 regulations, bringing information forward to the
9 commissioners, advising them on the impacts of
10 various options and so forth. And then the other
11 one is the public advisor. And, again, that's me,
12 my job is to work with people, help you figure out
13 how the process works, what happens next, when you
14 can participate, how to participate, and so on.

15 So when the Public Utilities Commission
16 is making decisions on these types of projects,
17 there's a list of factors in statute and rule that
18 tell them, hey, these are things you need to look at
19 when you're making these decisions. And so for the
20 certificate of need here's the list that they are to
21 consider. The route permit also has a list of items
22 to consider, and many of these are likely things
23 that some of the folks in the room are interested in
24 as well.

25 What the rules and statutes do not do

1 with this list, however, is prioritize them or rank
2 them. So it doesn't say, no matter what, human
3 settlement is the most important thing to concern
4 yourself with, or the economy is the most important
5 thing. And so evidence will come into the record
6 regarding all of these different aspects and then
7 it's up to the commissioners ultimately to determine
8 how they're going to prioritize those to come up
9 with a route permit if one is indeed granted.

10 This is a chart that shows sort of the
11 high level overview of the certificate of need
12 process. As you can see, there are a number of
13 steps that need to happen yet. Right now we are at
14 this stage here, public information meeting, so
15 there's a lot of things that need to happen before
16 we get down to that bottom box of a decision.

17 One thing I do want to point out is there
18 are several opportunities along the way for folks to
19 participate either by attending meetings or by
20 submitting written comments.

21 Here's a similar chart for the route
22 permit process. Again, there's a number of steps
23 that need to be completed before we get to that
24 bottom box of the decision. And, again, there are
25 opportunities for folks to participate along the

1 way.

2 Here's the same information only in a
3 list form with some dates that we're estimating at
4 this time. So as you can see, we're anticipating
5 that the Commission could make a decision on the
6 certificate of need by June of 2016. Again,
7 estimated is the key word here.

8 And a similar chart for the route permit
9 timeline. You can see we expect a route permit
10 decision perhaps by August 2016 on this estimated
11 list.

12 So, as I mentioned, there are a number of
13 opportunities for folks to get involved and
14 participate in the process. And when we have those
15 opportunities available, we typically publish a
16 notice to let you know about it. And so if you
17 receive a notice there are a few key elements that
18 you'll want to pay attention to so that you know
19 what you're supposed to do with this information.

20 The first is the docket number. Always a
21 key piece of information. There's a comment period,
22 the comment period will close at a certain point in
23 time so we can move on to the next step in the
24 process. Then we'll also list the topics that are
25 open for comment. As we move through the process

1 there are different things that we need help
2 answering along the way and so it's important to
3 stick to the ones that we care about today to have
4 the most impact with your comments.

5 So, again, the keys to sending comments.
6 Include that docket number; that's going to make
7 sure that your comments end up in the right place.
8 Stick to the topics listed as much as possible;
9 that's going to be the most helpful for us and it's
10 going to give you the most impact with the time that
11 you spend on the process. You don't need to submit
12 your comments more than once. Once they're in the
13 record, they're in the record. You can tell us four
14 times, they're still in the record, it doesn't
15 matter. Verbal and written comments carry the same
16 weight, so if you speak your comments you don't also
17 need to hand them in in writing. You certainly can,
18 but you don't get extra credit for public speaking.

19 The Commission's decision is based on the
20 facts in the record, it's not based on the
21 popularity of one option over another or how many
22 people say I like this or I like that. It's really
23 based on the facts in the record. So if you can
24 stick to the facts as much as possible in your
25 comments, that's also very helpful for the

1 Commission's process.

2 The comments that you submit are public
3 information whether you speak them or write them.
4 They will be in our online database that tracks
5 everything that happens in this case. So it's just
6 important to know that so you're not revealing
7 personal information that you might not want posted
8 on the web. And, again, they must be received
9 before the deadline so that we can move on in the
10 process.

11 If you would like more information about
12 this project, we have this eDocket system that's
13 online where you can look up all documents that have
14 been submitted in this record. And this is the way
15 you do that.

16 You also can sign up for the Commission's
17 project mailing list to receive information either
18 by U.S. mail or e-mail. And that's going to give
19 you sort of the high points, opportunities to
20 participate, project milestones and so forth.
21 There's an orange card at the table when you came in
22 that you can fill out and return to that table if
23 you'd like to sign up for that list.

24 We also have an e-mail subscription
25 service where you can subscribe to receive a notice

1 every time something comes in. These are the steps
2 that you would follow to do that subscription
3 service. Please note that it could result in a lot
4 of e-mails, so if you're not a super fan of e-mail,
5 you might not be interested in this option. This is
6 what it looks like when you go to the subscribe
7 screen, just so you kind of know, am I in the right
8 place, am I putting in the right information, I
9 thought this would be helpful.

10 And, again, at the Commission there are
11 two different project contacts. The first, again,
12 is me, I'm the public advisor. And then my
13 counterpart, Scott Ek, is the energy facilities
14 planner for this particular case and either one of
15 us would be happy to help you out or answer
16 questions that you might have.

17 And, with that, I will turn it over to
18 Enbridge.

19 MR. MITCH REPKA: Hello, everyone.

20 My name is Mitch Repka, I'm the manager
21 of engineering and construction for the U.S. portion
22 of the Line 3 Replacement Project.

23 I want to start by thanking the Public
24 Utilities Commission and the Department of Commerce
25 here today for inviting us here to share additional

1 details about the project and answer any questions
2 you may have and also to listen to your comments.

3 I wanted to start today with a safety
4 moment, which is Enbridge tradition, and that is a
5 moment I've used in the past, but in remembrance of
6 National 811 Day, which was a couple days ago, I
7 want to encourage everyone to call before you dig.
8 It's a nationwide program, it's intended to reduce
9 third-party line strikes to underground facilities.
10 So call before you dig, allow adequate time for the
11 facilities to be marked, and also practice safety
12 techniques around the facilities. So that's today's
13 safety moment.

14 I'll go through my slides here and we'll
15 talk about who Enbridge is and the history of
16 Line 3. I'll also give some specific details
17 regarding the project, and then we'll finish up with
18 a discussion on benefits.

19 So who is Enbridge? Enbridge operates
20 the world's longest transmission crude oil system.
21 It delivers approximately 2.2 million barrels of
22 crude and liquid petroleum a day. It meets
23 approximately 70 percent of the market demand of the
24 refineries here in the Great Lakes region, including
25 Minnesota.

1 As you can see on the map, Enbridge has a
2 variety of assets across North America. The yellow
3 lines indicate our liquid system. And if you can
4 see the blue lines, they are our natural gas assets
5 that the company owns. The company also has a
6 growing portfolio in both wind, solar, and also
7 geothermal assets as well.

8 Here at Enbridge we operate under three
9 core values and those are integrity, safety, and
10 respect. And each of those core values is
11 interwoven in everything we do as an organization,
12 whether it be planning, designing, the construction
13 or long-term operation and maintenance of our
14 facilities. Safety is a top priority for
15 landowners, community members, and it is a
16 responsibility that we take very seriously here at
17 Enbridge.

18 So as for safety, like I said, it's a top
19 priority and we're committed to ensuring we've got
20 long-term safe, reliable operations across our
21 system as well as right here in Minnesota.

22 As for the history of Line 3, it was
23 originally constructed in the 1960s and was placed
24 into service in 1968. The existing line is a
25 34-inch line and spans approximately 1,097 miles

1 from Edmonton, Alberta into Superior, Wisconsin.
2 It's an integral part of the Enbridge mainline
3 system and, as stated earlier, transports crude to
4 the Midwest area, Minnesota, Wisconsin, as well as
5 other North American refineries.

6 As for the replacement program
7 background, Enbridge is proposing to replace
8 approximately 1,031 miles of the line. The new line
9 is approximately 1,031 miles in length, it's
10 36-inch, it spans from Hardesty, Alberta to
11 Superior, Wisconsin. It is an integrity- and
12 maintenance-driven program and therefore will result
13 in the permanent deactivation of the existing
14 facility.

15 Regulatory approvals are being sought in
16 both the U.S. and Canada. The overall replacement
17 cost of the project is expected to be \$7.5 billion,
18 which makes it one of North America's largest
19 infrastructure projects. Of that total, about 2.6
20 billion relates to the U.S. portion of the project.

21 As for the U.S. portion, again, this is
22 an integrity- and maintenance-driven project and
23 therefore will result in the permanent deactivation
24 of the existing line. This will reduce the need for
25 ongoing integrity digs and maintenance activities

1 along the existing corridor.

2 The project spans roughly 364 miles in
3 total in the U.S., 13 of those are in North Dakota,
4 337 are in Minnesota, and 14 in Wisconsin.

5 Enbridge has filed the certificate of
6 need and the routing permit in April of 2015 and,
7 pending regulatory approvals, expects to start
8 construction in 2016 through 2017.

9 As for the Minnesota-specific details of
10 the project, the proposed route is shown in purple
11 on this map. It enters in Kittson County,
12 Minnesota, travels through Clearbrook to allow
13 deliveries into the Minnesota Pipe Line system as
14 well as our existing terminal facility there. And
15 then continues along the Sandpiper proposed route
16 into Superior, Wisconsin and exits in Carlton
17 County, Minnesota.

18 The project includes eight new pump
19 stations located in Donaldson, Viking, Plummer,
20 Clearbrook, Two Inlets, Backus, Palisade and
21 Cromwell. The design -- or the pipeline is designed
22 to flow 760,000 barrels per day. There are 27
23 valves located along the route.

24 As for the land requirements,
25 construction width is designed at 120 feet

1 currently, which includes 50 feet of permanent
2 easement. This is in uplands, and in wetlands the
3 total construction width is 95 feet, again with a 50
4 foot permanent easement. In cases where we're
5 parallel to an existing Enbridge facility we'll
6 require an additional 25 feet rather than 50, we'll
7 share 25 feet with the adjacent facility. So 98
8 percent of the route north and west of Clearbrook is
9 adjacent to existing utility corridors and 75
10 percent of the route south and east of Clearbrook is
11 adjacent to existing utility corridors. The total
12 investment here in Minnesota is expected to be \$2.1
13 billion.

14 As for the benefits of the project, as
15 mentioned earlier, it is an integrity- and
16 maintenance-driven project, therefore once the new
17 line is operational the old line will be permanently
18 deactivated, which will result in a reduction in
19 integrity digs and maintenance activities along the
20 route which will, again, reduce landowner impact as
21 well as environmental impact on our existing route.

22 The project will also restore the
23 historical operating capabilities of the existing
24 Line 3. Therefore, we'll be able to reduce the
25 apportionment that our customers are seeing across

1 the mainline system currently.

2 As for jobs, we anticipate 1,500
3 construction jobs will be created as a result of the
4 project. About 50 percent of those will be pulled
5 from the local union halls throughout Minnesota.
6 There will also be a need for long-term jobs in
7 order to operate and maintain the new facility once
8 it's in operation, so Enbridge will expect there
9 will be full-time jobs created as well.

10 Local businesses will see a direct
11 benefit as well. Throughout the construction there
12 will be a number of folks traveling into the
13 communities requiring housing, they'll shop at our
14 grocery stores, fill their tanks at our gas
15 stations, and purchase a number of goods and
16 services throughout the communities. So those
17 benefits will go directly to the local businesses.

18 Also, on a long-term basis, there will be
19 an increase in tax revenue for each of the counties
20 that we operate in. We estimate this incremental
21 increase will be \$19.5 million. And those funds
22 will be distributed throughout the counties that the
23 new line will be operating in. And, obviously, they
24 can be used at the county's discretion for a variety
25 of things, infrastructure projects, long-term

1 maintenance, or reduction in tax burden of the
2 county residents, potentially.

3 So, again, I want to thank you for being
4 here. We look forward to your comments.

5 I'd like to take a minute to allow the
6 other Enbridge folks here that are with us here
7 today to introduce themselves. They're here to help
8 answer questions and, again, to listen to your
9 comments.

10 We'll start with Mr. Simonson.

11 MR. BARRY SIMONSON: Thanks, Mitch.
12 Thank you, everyone, for showing up today.

13 My name is Barry Simonson, I am the
14 project director for Line 3. So my responsibilities
15 include all aspects of Line 3 from start to finish.

16 So thanks again.

17 MR. JOHN GLANZER: Good morning.

18 My name is John Glanzer, I'm the director
19 of infrastructure planning for Enbridge, where we
20 take a forward-looking view in the planning of the
21 entire Enbridge pipeline network.

22 MR. JOHN MCKAY: Good morning, everyone.
23 Thanks for coming.

24 My name is John McKay, I'm the senior
25 manager for land services for U.S. projects. And I

1 provide oversight for the land acquisition
2 activities, as well as planning, construction,
3 support, and restoration as well.

4 MS. HELENE LONG: Good morning.

5 I'm Helene Long, I'm legal counsel for
6 Enbridge pipelines. And I'm here to support the
7 witnesses and respond to questions that are
8 appropriate for me.

9 MR. PAUL LEHMAN: Good morning, everyone.
10 Thanks for coming.

11 My name is Paul Lehman, I'm an
12 environmental analyst on the Enbridge environmental
13 permitting team. And my responsibilities include
14 oversight of the environmental permit applications
15 and I'm happy to answer your questions.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. JOHN PECHIN: Good morning.

18 My name is John Pechin. I'm the Bemidji
19 area operations manager, and I am responsible for
20 electrical and mechanical maintenance after the
21 project goes into service.

22 MR. MITCH REPKA: Thank you.

23 And we'll turn it back over to the DOC.

24 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Good morning,
25 everyone.

1 I'm Jamie MacAlister with the Department
2 of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and
3 Analysis unit. And with me is Larry Hartman, he
4 will be here to help out and answer questions as
5 well.

6 I just wanted to go over a couple of
7 things quickly before we get started.

8 First of all, in your folders, you should
9 have several handouts. A scope, a map, a speaker
10 card, perhaps, or maybe you filled one out at the
11 table. A comment form, and some guidance on filling
12 out comments. If you're missing any of those items,
13 please see Jorinda. She can help you figure out
14 what you're missing and make sure that you get them.

15 For our presentation today, I would like
16 to do a brief overview of our permitting process,
17 talk about the scoping process a little bit,
18 information on the comparative environmental
19 analysis, and discuss a little bit about submitting
20 comments and route alternatives and segment
21 alternatives.

22 So a little bit about the routing
23 process. The routing process is guided by Minnesota
24 Statute 216G and Minnesota Rule 7852. The Line 3
25 pipeline will be a full process -- excuse me, a full

1 review process, which will include the preparation
2 of an environmental document. And there will be
3 public hearings presided over by an administrative
4 law judge.

5 So for our permitting process here, the
6 application was accepted in July. That has led us
7 to these public information and scoping meetings
8 where we will gather your comments and information
9 to help us prepare the comparative environmental
10 analysis. We will package that information up and
11 submit that to the Commission. They will make a
12 decision, and we will move on to the contested case
13 hearings.

14 The scoping meetings are intended to
15 provide the public, local units of government,
16 tribal governments, the opportunity to help us
17 identify issues and impacts that will be important
18 to your community and that you would like to have
19 looked at in the comparative environmental analysis.
20 It allows everyone to participate in the development
21 of route and segment alternatives. And, again, I
22 just want to emphasize that these route alternatives
23 are approved by the PUC.

24 So what is the comparative environmental
25 analysis? Well, this is a written document that is

1 the environmental document for pipelines. It is an
2 alternative form of environmental review that's been
3 approved by the Minnesota Environmental Quality
4 Board. And it's designed to meet the Minnesota
5 Environmental Policy Act requirements.

6 The objective of this analysis is really
7 to look at impacts and mitigation measures. The
8 document does not advocate, it really presents facts
9 for people to use for the contested case hearings.
10 And the goal of the document is really to help
11 decision-makers make informed decisions about the
12 project.

13 So I'd like to talk a little bit about
14 how folks can submit comments and route and segment
15 alternatives. It's always helpful if you can
16 include a map. That could be topo map, a plat book
17 map. And provide as much information as you can
18 about the alternative that you're suggesting, what
19 the impact is that you're hoping to mitigate, and
20 why this alternative is an improvement over the
21 preferred route. And we ask all of this information
22 because it leaves us in a better position to not
23 have to try and figure out what your intention was
24 when you wrote your comment.

25 So when thinking about alternatives to

1 the proposed project, again, the emphasis should be
2 on mitigating specific impacts. These impacts can
3 be aesthetic, they can be land use impacts, they can
4 be natural resource impacts, they can be economic
5 impacts, or other impacts that you feel are
6 important.

7 And a lot of this information will be
8 laid out in the draft scoping document that's in
9 your folder if you would like more suggestions or
10 more information on the types of impacts that we'll
11 be looking at. And, again, the alternatives must
12 meet the needs for the project. So the project must
13 enter at Kittson County, it must come into
14 Clearbrook, and it must go to Superior. But within
15 there, there's plenty of opportunity, I think, to
16 find alternatives that will make those touch points.

17 I'll just quickly run through some
18 examples from a transmission line project where the
19 alternatives that were submitted were designed to
20 avoid or minimize specific impacts.

21 The first was the avoidance of an
22 historic property. The second was realigning a
23 route to parallel an existing roadway as opposed to
24 going around, and this example is to avoid a
25 memorial site.

1 And, lastly, I would like to take a look
2 at the maps and the alternatives that are already on
3 the table for Line 3. For those of you that have
4 been following the Sandpiper project, you know that
5 there will be a portion of the route that is shared
6 by both Sandpiper and Line 3. And in the Sandpiper
7 proceedings the Commission did approve several route
8 alternatives and those route alternatives and
9 segment alternatives have been carried forward to
10 Line 3. So this first map shows an overview of
11 these alternatives and the second map is a closeup
12 of the route alternatives and segment alternatives
13 that are already being proposed.

14 And the schedule, as Tracy referred to
15 earlier, while this is very generic, we are
16 accepting that the PUC would consider the routes for
17 consideration sometime in November, that the
18 comparative environmental analysis will be released
19 sometime in the spring, roughly in March of 2016,
20 and then a permit decision could be made sometime in
21 July and August of 2016.

22 As we move into the question-and-answer
23 session, I would just like to remind folks, one
24 speaker at a time. Please state and spell your name
25 for the court reporter, for Janet. If you don't,

1 she will remind you. Try to limit your comments to
2 a few minutes so everyone has an opportunity to
3 speak or ask questions. And, please, to the extent
4 possible, direct your comments to the CEA and the
5 project, the Line 3 project.

6 As Tracy mentioned in her presentation,
7 your comments can be submitted verbally to us today,
8 you can fill out a comment form and leave that with
9 us, you can mail the comment form in. You may also
10 mail, fax, or e-mail the comments to me directly to
11 the address here. And, again, a reminder that the
12 comment period closes September 30th, so we will
13 need all comments in by that time.

14 And with that, we'll move into questions
15 and answers. I believe we have some cards already.

16 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: The first speaker
17 card I have is Joe Moenck.

18 MR. JOE MOENCK: Hi. My name is Joe
19 Moenck, J-O-E, M-O-E-N-C-K, from Zumbrota,
20 Minnesota.

21 I'm here today representing the Minnesota
22 Pipe Trades Association and the United Association
23 of Plumbers, Pipefitters, Fire Protection, and HVAC
24 Technicians.

25 I wanted to thank the administration for

1 letting us express our concerns for the project and
2 hearing both sides of the issues before you make a
3 decision. I've had the opportunity to speak at
4 other hearings this week so I'll stay brief and to
5 the point.

6 The United Association has built a
7 reputation for building quality pipelines throughout
8 the country and that's something we're very proud
9 of. Line 3 is a prime example of that. It was
10 installed in the '60s, yet today it's still safe,
11 functioning, and it co-exists with the natural
12 resources that Minnesotans all love and enjoy. But
13 in order to protect these resources and be good
14 stewards of the land, it just makes to replace an
15 existing line that was built in the '60s with a new
16 pipeline. That's the real issue here. We're trying
17 to replace an existing line and we're trying to
18 replace an existing line with a brand new one. And
19 if we don't take that opportunity, our energy
20 products will continue to make their way to market.
21 That's a proven fact. They're going to go through
22 rail, they're going to be shipped on ground
23 transport, which all raises the stakes for
24 contamination. Pipelines are the safest, the
25 cleanest, and the most effective method for

1 transporting our energy products to market.

2 The men and women of the United
3 Association have proven that we can build safe
4 pipelines in Minnesota, just like we did with the
5 existing line back in the '60s and we're ready to do
6 it again.

7 So, please, give us the opportunity to
8 continue to build trust with our pipeline systems,
9 protect our resources, and today I ask that you
10 approve the certificate of need for the replacement
11 of Line 3.

12 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Tom Pahkala.

13 MR. TOM PAHKALA: Good morning.

14 My name is Tom Pahkala, P-A-H-K-A-L-A.

15 I've been a member of the UA for over 20
16 years and I can tell you that it's a good trade.
17 I'm an avid hunter and fisherman, and over the years
18 of being a hunter and fisherman I can tell you that
19 animals love edges. Edges in topography, edges in
20 property. What they like to do is they like to eat
21 on those edges. And pipelines produce two distinct
22 edges for the length of the line.

23 Construction puts money into the local
24 coffers, also. The workers that work on this
25 construction of the pipeline stay in and around

1 towns, eating and fueling up in the same towns, and
2 spending off hours in the restaurants and bars of
3 the towns. They also replace work clothes and all
4 the other necessities of daily life in these towns.

5 The same workers are making good wages,
6 which in turn is supporting families across the
7 country and bolstering the middle class and the
8 economy.

9 The existing Line 3 pipeline is aging and
10 I for one applaud the company that preemptively
11 replaces infrastructure before major failure occurs.

12 In closing, I support the Line 3
13 replacement and ask that we remember the benefits
14 the wide and open spaces and edges have.

15 Thank you.

16 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Robert Teran.

17 MR. ROBERT TERAN: My name is Robert
18 Teran, T-E-R-A-N.

19 I'm representing the operating engineers
20 pipeline department. I'm here to say that the
21 operating engineers is in support of this Line 3
22 Replacement Project.

23 We feel that replacing Line 3 with newer
24 materials and technology would be in the best
25 interest and safety of citizens, livestock,

1 wildlife, and the protection of farmland and the
2 natural environment from potential accidents from
3 the use of older infrastructure.

4 Also, the construction of these projects
5 will be putting to work local heavy equipment
6 operators from local union halls that would put
7 money back into the local economy.

8 We believe, with this project completed,
9 it'll boost the domestic product that will alleviate
10 some demand from foreign countries which fuel our
11 domestic manufacturing, farming operations, and
12 supply gas and diesel that they all need to keep our
13 economy strong.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: The last speaker card
16 I have so far is John Lerohl.

17 MR. JOHN LEROHL: I have no comment. I
18 don't have any comments or questions.

19 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Thank you.

20 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Are there any
21 other comments or questions?

22 All right. Well, with that, I would like
23 to thank all of you for attending today's meeting.
24 And if you have any further questions or comments,
25 Enbridge staff and Commerce staff will be available

1 for questions.

2 And, again, if you have any other
3 questions about alternatives or comments that you
4 would like to make at any point, feel free to get in
5 touch with me. Thanks.

6 (Proceedings concluded at 11:37 a.m.)

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